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VALENTINO DEAD

MOVIE IDOL LOSES LONG LIFE FIGHT

Rudolph Valentino, Italian farmer boy who won his way into the hearts of film lovers the world over, died at 12.10 p. m., today, at Polyclinic Hospital.

He died with a smile on his drawn face.

Just as the end came the Rev. Edward F. Leonard, "the Actors' Pastor," placed a crucifix on his lips and gave him the last rites of the Catholic Church.

He Receives Absolution

Joseph Schenck, his mentor, walked into the room just before he died. Father Leonard was placing the cross, said to contain a relic of the original cross, on "Rudy's" lips.

The prayer of absolution had been said, and the actor's lips, eyes, ears, hands and nostrils touched with the holy oil.

When he saw the priest, Schenck swallowed a lump in his throat. He knew what was coming.

With an effort he choked back a sob which tried to get the better of him. He chuckled as he bent over his dying friend.

"Well, Rudy, old boy, how are you?" he said.

Rudy's eyes darted from those of the priest to Schenck.

His mind was clear. The eyes were bright. The corners of his mouth lifted. His lips parted as if to speak—to answer the low, cheery greeting.

The words were unspoken. The light died from the eyes and the lids drooped and fluttered. Father Leonard whispered a prayer.

The face paled.

The smile faded.

Death!

End of Great Battle

Thus came the end of the greatest battle Rodolfo Guglielmi ever fought. A battle against disease. On his side were famous physicians. On the other was the relentless,

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DEATH CLOSES CAREER of Rudolph Valentino, greatest of film lovers, who lost in his battle for life after the supreme drama of his career at Polyclinic Hospital. Rudy, beloved sheik of thousands of motion picture fans, clung tenaciously to life and had won the admiration of doctors for his valiant but losing battle.